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Taxpayers could face 12.6 per cent hike



Only 39 shopping days 'til Christmas

Kim Springer of the Parent-Child Centre in St. Andrew's Church in Georgetown isn't clowning around when she tells us to get ready for Christmas. The clown was part of a day-long bazaar extravaganza in Halton Hills Saturday. Browsers, buyers and

snackers could choose wares that ranged from wooden ducks to shortbread. More photos from Saturday's bazaars throughout town are on page 11. (Herald photo by Donna Kell)

By **DONNA KELL**
the Herald

The Town of Halton Hills Monday outlined a proposed 1990 budget that calls for a municipal tax increase of 12.6 per cent for urban residents to offset an expected increase in waste disposal costs.

The proposed town budget asks for a municipal tax collection of \$7.6 million and \$1.7 million for urban service charges. Urban service charges include the costs of waste disposal, crossing guards and street lighting. The service is provided to almost three-quarters of the town's 35,000 population.

Those in urban service areas will pay an average \$550.06 in taxes for a house assessed at \$5,500 in 1990 if the proposed budget is approved by town councillors next March. In 1989, residents with urban service pay an average \$492.80, town treasurer Ray King said.

Rural residents will face an increase of 10.4 per cent in taxes. That would bring municipal taxes up to \$419.15 from the 1989 average figure of \$379.67.

The town's proposed 1990 budget does not include school board and

Regional tax levies.

Costs for street lights and crossing guards will likely face a six-per-cent increase, Mr. King said. Six per cent is an average figure to counter inflation growth, according to Mr. King.

But Halton Regional staff said recently tipping fees - the price charged for collecting and transporting garbage - will likely increase by 37.7 per cent in January, bringing the cost from \$83.50 a tonne to over \$115 a tonne.

Halton's garbage is presently transported outside the Region at a cost of about \$1 million a month.

The increase in the tipping fee would mean an average urban resident will pay \$22 more a year for waste services.

"The public perhaps doesn't understand the reality of this," Acton Councillor Norm Elliott said in response to the waste disposal increases. Mr. Elliott said the increased tipping fee demonstrates a garbage crisis in this Region.

"We had a group here (at Halton Hills town council) saying this issue is orchestrated."

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Scotsdale Farm may be on Toronto orchestra's short list

By **DONNA KELL**
the Herald

Scotsdale Farm near Ballinafad could be on an unofficial short list of communities competing to host the Toronto Symphony Orchestra each summer.

Two communities among the 18 sites being considered are located near Kleinburg and near Mono Township.

A main criterion in choosing a site for the TSO summer home - which is intended to be like the Tanglewood Park in Boston, Massachusetts where the Boston Symphony Orchestra plays during summer months - is for the site to be within an hour's drive of Toronto.

There are six sites of the 18 applying communities that are less than an hour's drive from Toronto, Marion Hart of the TSO said last week. She said the 530-acre Scotsdale Farm near Ballinafad is, within an hour from the city.

Mrs. Hart said the TSO shelved plans to name a shortlist of possible summer orchestra sites. This list was to be released within the next week or two. But she said a consultant will review the sites before the TSO makes any announcements.

Mrs. Hart would not say which communities are among the other 15 sites.

John Creelman, a contributing editor for the Orangeville Citizen and a resident of Mono said Wednesday his town is championing a provincially-owned site calling

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Arson suspected in Meadowglen Mushroom fire

Arson is suspected as the cause of a fire that broke out at Meadowglen Mushroom Growers Ltd., partially destroying two of the Mountainview Road North buildings in Glen Williams Friday night, fire officials say.

Halton Regional Police have called in an investigator from the Ontario fire marshal's office to conduct an investigation.

Damages have yet to be determined. There were no injuries.

Firefighters let the buildings burn down because they were already scheduled for demolition. "We weren't going to commit (firefighters) and risk injury when the buildings were scheduled to be demolished, a fire department spokesman said.

Firefighters left the scene Saturday morning around 8:30 a.m.